

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-2, 6-13 and 15-18 are pending in the instant application. The indicated allowable subject matter of claim 14 has been incorporated in independent claims 1, 6, and 9 with minor changes, where appropriate, to be consistent with the other limitations of claims 1, 6 and 9. Claim 14 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. All claims have been carefully reviewed and revised, where appropriate, to better define the claimed invention. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

Since none of the applied references appear to fairly teach or suggest the features of allowable claim 14, which are now incorporated in all independent claims, the final rejections are believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been traversed/overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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